

April 28, 2014

MOTIONS

Easton Town Meeting

April 28, 2014 – 8:00 p.m.

Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road, Easton

Present:

Adam W. Dunsby, First Selectman; Scott Centrella, Selectman; Robert Lessler, Selectman; Christine Halloran, Town Clerk

Attendees:

Over 100 members of the public

The First Selectman convened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

The First Selectman asked for a motion to appoint a Moderator. Roy Gosse nominated Dennis Laccavole. The motion was seconded. The nomination was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The call of the meeting was read. A copy is attached. The Moderator then preceded with the agenda items.

Item 1: Acceptance of the 2013 Annual Town Report

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the acceptance of the 2013 Annual Town Report. A resident moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 2: Discussion of the proposed annual Town budget of \$41,993,878 for fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 as recommended by the Board of Finance. NOTE: The Town Meeting may act to reduce, but not to increase the proposed annual Town budget.

The moderator called presentation of official comments, discussion, public comment and questions.

Item 3: Five year capital plan.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the acceptance of the Five year capital plan. Victor Alfandre moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 4: Set July 1, 2014 for the grand list bills.

The Moderator called for a Motion to set July 1, 2014 for the grand list bills. Matt Gachi moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 5: Discussion and possible approval of a revision of a Conservation Easement at 25 Rock House Road.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the approval of a revision of a Conservation Easement at 25 Rock House Road. Adam Horowitz moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 6: Discussion and possible approval of a Right to Farm Ordinance.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the approval of a Right to Farm Ordinance. After lengthy discussion, public comment and questions, a resident requested a “Call the Question” signifying a motion for a stop to the discussion and a movement to a vote on the ordinance. The Moderator called for a Motion on the discussion indicating that “aye” signifies no further discussion, and “nay” signifies continuing the discussion the ordinance. The “aye” wins. No further discussion. The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the approval of a Right to Farm Ordinance. A resident moved. The motion was seconded. The “aye” wins. Motion carried overwhelmingly by voice vote.

Item 7: Discussion and possible approval of \$19,900 as a second appropriation for 660 Morehouse Road, Town Hall, and Library natural gas conversion from the Unassigned Fund Balance.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the approval of \$19,900 as a second appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance. John Broadbin moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 8: Discussion and possible approval of \$282,500 from LoCIP funds for the reconstruction of Morehouse Road.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on the approval of \$282,500 from LoCIP funds for the reconstruction of Morehouse Road. Ray Martin moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 9: Adjournment of the Town meeting to a machine vote to be held on May 6, 2014 at Samuel Staples Elementary School to vote on the annual budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 of \$41,993,878 or such lower amount as may be approved by the Town Meeting.

The Moderator called for a Motion to vote on adjournment of the Town Meeting to a machine vote May 6, 2014. Aaron Flagg moved. The motion was seconded. No further discussion, public comment or questions. The “aye” wins. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item 10: Adjournment.

Dennis Laccovole called to adjourn the meeting. Ray Martin moved. The motion was seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Halloran, Easton Town Clerk